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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

FRANKLIN M. BAEZ

Application No.: 09/148,392

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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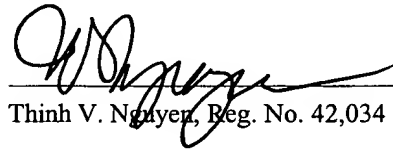
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 12, 2001, from the Final Office Action dated September 12, 2000. A check in the amount of \$890.00 (petition filing fee) and the Response to Final Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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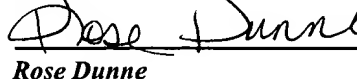
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